California Department of Pesticide Regulation

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DESK STATEMENTS

PESTICIDE PRODUCT INGREDIENTS

The Department of Pesticide Regulation is subject to confidential formulation laws, similar to those that govern federal pesticide registration. However, state scientists have access to information about all ingredients in any pesticide registered for use in California. Furthermore, DPR has acute toxicology data on each registered product that contains both the active ingredient and any inert ingredients.

PHEROMONE EVALUATION PLANNED

To date, there have been about 200 complaints from the Monterey area regarding the aerial application of a pheromone product to combat the light brown apple moth (LBAM). In response, Cal/EPA's Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), in consultation with health authorities,
will: (1) review the toxicological data on the pheromone product; (2) review resident complaints overall (not an in-depth review of individual complaints) and (3) review any other relevant information regarding the applications. DPR and OEHHA scientists will re-examine toxicological data in light of health complaints and the reliance on aerial application to determine what, if any, additional precautions should be considered. The goal is to arrive at a consensus statement on possible health aspects of the materials and methods used for the LBAM eradication project. While no completion date is set, DPR is fully cognizant of resident concerns, and every effort will be made to complete the evaluation in a timely manner.

NOTE TO REPORTERS: This evaluation does NOT replace or supplement the standard pesticide illness reporting procedure for individual illness complaints. Any person who feels that pesticides made him/her ill should consult their doctor. Such cases are then referred to local health/ag commissioner for investigation, and ultimately, to DPR for final evaluation.

See DPR guides to filing complaints in English and Spanish:
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